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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT NO. [REDACTED]TOPIC Staaken Airfield.

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DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

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1. On 8 May 1951 about noon, 23 single-engine ground attack aircraft coming from the northeast landed at Staaken airfield. [REDACTED] did not see the planes take off from the field. While the aircraft were landing, two twin-engine DC-3 transports with a door on the left side and a rigid tail wheel circled over the field at a high altitude. Forty ground attack aircraft, 22 of which were parked in two rows, 11 in one row and 7 irregularly, were seen in front of the hangars in the southern section of the field. A tank truck and a radio truck with a rod antenna were parked at the take-off point in the northwestern corner of the field. A truck with a mounted searchlight, which was covered with tarpaulins, was seen on the west end of the runway at about 7:30 p.m. At 10:40 p.m., three biplanes started flying circles over the field with the rotary searchlight in operation. The searchlight on the west end of the runway illuminated the runway for the landings, at which time the rotary searchlight was switched off. No runway or boundary lights were on.
2. On 12 May at 8 a.m., 3 transports, 5 single-engine high-wing monoplanes, and 20 single-engine aircraft, the same type as those seen in Doberitz, were parked at the field.
3. Between 15 and 17 May, at least 20 single-engine aircraft were parked in front of the two western hangars at the field. Three green twin-engine transports of DC-3 type were parked in front of the easternmost hangar. It has been repeatedly observed that the DC-3 frequently landed at the field coming from the west. An underground fuel dump was located on the northern edge of the field. \*

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- \* Comment. The information received from the three sources indicates that the occupation by one ground attack regiment and one air transport squadron, equipped with Li-2s, PO-2s and Yak-11s, has not been changed.

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